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5. (Confidential - CEA) Spoke to Al Tarabochia, Chief Investigator, Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security, about the necessary corrections in the testimony of [REDACTED] Tarabochia said this poses no problem and that we should simply eliminate the undesirable portions and the Subcommittee would include this information as an addendum representing Committee evidence rather than that of the witnesses.

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6. (Confidential - JGO) After conferring with Mr. Houston, I talked to Mr. Daniel Manelli, Staff Attorney, House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, concerning the Committee's investigations in connection with the production of a CBS network news program. After the discussion Mr. Manelli agreed that from his point of view there would be little real benefit in testimony by Agency representatives or formal correspondence with the Agency. In consequence, he will "let the matter lay." He is in the process of drafting the Committee report of the hearings and will call me when it is completed. He feels it is in our interest to review the draft to ensure that Agency interests are properly safeguarded. In effect, he intends to state in the Committee report that the Committee has satisfied itself that no significant contacts were made by CBS with Government representatives. At present he intends to describe [REDACTED] as an individual of known marginal responsibility or capacity with the Agency. See Journals of 16 September 1969, 6 and 13 January 1970.

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7. (Internal Use Only - LLM) Jim Lucier, Research Assistant to Senator Strom Thurmond (R., S. Car.), called saying there would be a private showing this afternoon of a movie depicting the subversive influence of the Black Panthers which was produced by Dr. George Benson of Harding College, Arkansas, and that Senator Thurmond would like to have an Agency representative present to assist in evaluating the movie. I reminded Lucier that we do not have any internal security responsibility and go to great length to avoid any situations from which the contrary could be implied, as in the instant case. Lucier said he realizes all this, but that there would be no publicity surrounding our attendance. I told Lucier that I assumed agencies with internal security responsibilities had been invited and he said they had and that Senator John McClellan (D., Ark.) would also attend. I told Lucier I would pass on the request and that if we felt it was appropriate to attend we would just show up at 2:30 p.m. in the New Senate Office Building auditorium.

25X1A 8. (Secret - JGO) I met with Mr. Daniel Manelli, Staff Attorney, House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, and received from him for our information copies of correspondence and memoranda of CBS' counsel relating to contacts made with Mr. [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] office. This correspondence was received by the Committee from CBS this morning. Mr. Manelli again requested, if possible, confirmation by the Agency whether Mr. Cutler, of Wilmer, Cutler and Pickering, who are counsel to CBS, or any other official of Columbia Broadcasting, was in contact with the Agency during 1966 concerning the alleged Masferrer invasion of Haiti. The Committee would also appreciate, if possible, a definition of the duties and responsibilities of Mr. [REDACTED] to whom CBS alleges it relayed information of the invasion through Mr. Mitchell WerBell. OGC has been advised.

25X1A 9. (Unclassified - CEA) Delivered to Jane O'Mara, in the office of Senator Philip Hart (D., Mich.), the address of Air America for use in replying to a constituent, [REDACTED], who is seeking employment with Air America.

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1. (Unclassified - LLM) Mr. Raymond Barnes, Administrative Assistant to Representative John J. McFall (D., Calif.), called and asked us to stop by in the next couple of days to discuss a matter of some sensitivity.

2. (Secret - JGO) Met with Messrs. Robert Lishman, Chief Counsel, Daniel Manelli, Staff Attorney, and James Kelly, Investigator, Special Subcommittee on Investigations, House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. This meeting was a followup to the meeting of 16 September 1969 with Mr. Manelli concerning the Committee's investigation in connection with the production of a CBS network news program. It was indicated that during the final days of testimony by CBS representatives a letter from CBS was presented to the Committee dated 7 November outlining certain alleged CBS contacts with Mr. [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] CBS will be furnishing the Committee later this week a report provided by attorneys retained by CBS for the purpose of verifying that Mr. [REDACTED] was associated with the Agency during the period under review by the Committee (1966). Assistance by the Agency is desired to rebut the allegations by CBS that "the Agency tacitly sanctioned the 1966 Haitian invasion project or possibly even fostered it." A copy of the 7 November 1969 letter was provided for our information. The copy of the CBS counsel's confirmation of Mr. [REDACTED] status will be provided later in the week or early next week. Mr. Houston has been advised.

3. (Confidential - GLC) Miss Mae Sykes, in the Department of State's Congressional Liaison Office, called to say that Roger Hoffman, on the staff of Representative Lee Hamilton (D., Ind.), had contacted them in an effort to reach Mr. [REDACTED]. Miss Sykes said that she learned that [REDACTED] was an Agency employee presently out of town and she asked for advice as to how she should handle the inquiry from Hoffman. I told her I would check on this and be back in touch with her.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Daniel Manelli, House Interstate and Foreign
Commerce Committee Staff, re Haiti Invasion of 1966

1. I met with Messrs. Robert Lishman, Chief Counsel, Daniel Manelli, Staff Attorney, and James Kelly, Investigator, Special Subcommittee on Investigations, House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, in Mr. Lishman's office, 2323 Rayburn Building, at 11:00 a.m. and reviewed with them certain testimony provided by CBS representatives with regard to the abortive invasion of Haiti attempted by the Masferrer group in 1966. The meeting was completely informal and resulted from Mr. Manelli's call of yesterday afternoon requesting that I meet with him this morning.

2. In brief, Mr. Manelli outlined that CBS representatives, primarily Mr. Jay McMullen, CBS producer, have presented in appearances before the Committee information relating to contacts with the Central Intelligence Agency which, if not rebutted in the record, will tend to cloud the issue by leaving unresolved the question whether governmental approval or national security interests were in fact involved in the particular matter of the abortive Haitian invasion of 1966.

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3. Mr. Manelli gave me a copy of a letter to the Chairman dated 7 November 1969 from the Columbia Broadcasting System outlining certain contacts on behalf of CBS by Mr. Mitchell WerBell with [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Later in the week CBS will be furnishing the Committee a copy of a report by CBS "of information provided CBS by legal counsel who were requested to verify Mr. [REDACTED] association with the Agency during 1966."

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4. It is apparently the feeling of Representative Harley Staggers (D., W.Va.), Chairman of the full Committee, Representative John Moss (D., Calif.), who actually occupied the chair during much of the hearing, and the Committee staff that the allegations by CBS that they had tacit approval of CIA, if CIA hadn't actively fostered the invasion attempt, are patently ridiculous. Nevertheless, the allegations are contained in the record.

5. Mr. Lishman requested that consideration be given formal denial of the allegations by a letter from the Director to the Chairman. After discussion of the point at some length, he suggested that if such a letter is not feasible consideration be given to appearance of an Agency representative in executive session to repeat the information already provided (by the undersigned) that information received by the Agency on this matter had routinely been passed to the FBI and the Bureau of Customs who have the prime responsibility in the Executive Branch in such matters. This would allow the Committee in their report to deny the CBS allegations of governmental approval and identify the "denial" on the basis of testimony taken in executive session without further identification of the testimony as to source.

6. The meeting was a very friendly one. Almost complete deference was shown for Agency security considerations and judgments in this matter. It was also noted as an aside that information has been received over the weekend by the counsel that CBS may be mounting a counteroffensive against the Committee on the general theme of ridiculing the Committee and its Chairman for their "bumbling" in national security affairs about which they know nothing. I advised Mr. Lishman that I would relay the Chairman's request and that I saw no need, at least for present, for a formal request by letter from the Chairman for Agency assistance in this matter.

7. Mr. Houston has been advised.


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4. (Secret - JGO) Met with Mr. Pat Holt, Consultant, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and delivered to him [REDACTED] referring to reports of Mr. Holt's trip to Bolivia in December. Mr. Holt was most appreciative.

5. (Secret - JGO) In response to her call, met briefly with Miss Judith Spahr, National Security and International Operations Subcommittee staff, Senate Government Operations Committee, and told her that the security clearances requested by Senator Henry Jackson (D., Wash.) for Mr. Richard N. Perle have been approved and that I would be by in a day or so to complete the necessary paperwork with him.

6. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Mr. Andrew Vatalie, Special Assistant, and Miss Lorena Daddario, Assistant to Senator Edward Kennedy (D., Mass.), and discussed with them the correspondence forwarded to the Department of State from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] concerning an alleged subsidy to the [REDACTED]. After discussion Mr. Vatalie told me that he saw no need for briefing the Senator on this matter but he would administratively file the correspondence. Should further correspondence be received on the subject, Mr. Vatalie will call. [REDACTED] office, SB Division, has been advised.

7. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Received a call from the office of Mr. Daniel Manelli, Staff Attorney, House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, requesting a meeting for 11:00 tomorrow morning in Mr. Manelli's office. (See Journal item of 16 September 1969.)

8. (Confidential - JGO) Received from Mr. Al Tarabochia, Internal Security Subcommittee staff, Senate Judiciary Committee, a print of the testimony of [REDACTED] for our information. 25X1A

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